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 SUBJ: SOVIET NAVAL DETACHMENT'S VISIT TO HAVANA 25 MAR - 5 APR  
 REF: A) HAVANA 1824; B) U-UPH-42149  
 1. SUMMARY: THIS REPORT OF THE PUBLICIZED ACTIVITIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOVIET NAVAL DETACHMENT WHICH VISITED HAVANA MARCH 6- APRIL 5 IS LARGELY BASED UPON ACCOUNTS IN THE CUBAN PRESS. SOVIET OFFICERS CARRIED OUT AN INTENSE SCHEDULE OF VISITS, MEETINGS WITH CUBAN MILITARY OFFICIALS, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH WERE MOSTLY OF A PROTOCOLARY NATURE, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL ACCOUNTS. ENC SUMMARY.  
 2. A SOVIET NAVAL DETACHMENT, INCLUDING THE "LENINGRAD" ANTI-SUBMARINE CRUISE, THE "UDALOY" ANTI-SUBMARINE SHIP, A DIESEL SUBMARINE AND A TANKER, ARRIVED IN CUBA ON MARCH 26, COMMANDED BY VICE ADMIRAL FIODOR T. STAROZHILCOV. THEY WERE WELCOMED BY CAPTAIN PEDRO PERERA RUIZ, FIRST

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 VICE CHIEF OF THE CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY NAVY (MRG);  
 CAPTAIN MIGUEL VALLE IRANDA, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL  
 SECTION OF THE MGR; A REAL ADMIRAL GUENNADI MIJAILOV,  
 MILITARY, NAVAL AND AIR ATTACHE AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN  
 HAVANA. THEY WERE INVITED BY STAROZHILOV TO BOARD THE  
 SHIP, WHERE THEY WERE OFFICIALLY WELCOMED. LATER  
 STAROZHILOV AND OTHER SOVIET OFFICIALS MET WITH VICE  
 ADMIRAL ALCO SANTAMARIA, MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
 (CC) OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCC), VICE MINISTER  
 OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES, AND CHIEF OF THE MRG.  
 STAROZHILOV ALSO MET WITH OSCAR FERNANDEZ MELL, PRESIDENT  
 OF THE PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT IN  
 THE CITY OF HAVANA. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SANTAMARIA AND  
 MIJAILOV.

3. A MEETING BETWEEN STAROZHILOV AND CUBAN MINISTER  
 OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ARMED FORCES (FAF), RAUL CASTRO, WAS  
 HELD ON MARCH 27. DIVISION GENERAL ABELARDO COLOME,  
 ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU OF THE PCC AND FIRST  
 VICE MINISTER OF THE FAR; ULISES ROSALES DEL TORO,  
 MEMBER OF THE CC, FIRST VICE MINISTER OF THE FAR AND  
 CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF FAR; AND VICE ADMIRAL  
 SANTAMARIA, ON THE CUBAN SIDE, AS WELL AS SOVIET  
 AMBASSADOR KONSTANTIN KATUSHEV; COLONEL GENERAL  
 VLADIMIR KONCHIZT, PRINCIPAL MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE  
 FAR; AND REAL ADMIRAL MIJAILOV, ON THE SOVIET SIDE,  
 ALSO PARTICIPATED. RAUL CASTRO SAID THAT "THIS VISIT  
 IS A NEW CONTRIBUTION TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE  
 UNBREAKABLE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE SOVIET AND  
 THE CUBAN PEOPLES". STAROZHILOV PRESENTED A FLORAL  
 WREATH AT THE JOSE MARTI MONUMENT IN HAVANA'S  
 "PLAZA DE LA REVOLUCION", ACCOMPANIED BY OTHER OFFICIALS  
 FROM THE NAVAL DETACHMENT. SANTAMARIA, KATUSHEV,  
 KONCHIZT AND MIJAILOV ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THE CEREMONY.  
 THE DETACHMENT'S SENIOR OFFICERS, ACCOMPANIED BY  
 SANTAMARIA, VISITED THE CARLOS BALINO HAND-MADE CIGAR  
 FACTORY AND THE MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF HAVANA, WHERE  
 THEY WERE RECEIVED BY ITS DIRECTOR EUSEBIO LEAL. IN  
 THE EVENING, THEY PARTICIPATED IN A MEETING WITH THE  
 DIRECTORS OF THE CUBAN-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION,  
 IN WHICH ZCILE MARINELO, DIRECTOR OF THE ASSOCIATION,  
 AND ALFONSO GUILLEN ZLAYA, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CUBAN  
 INSTITUTE OF FRIENDSHIP AMONG PEOPLES (ICAP), WERE  
 PRESENT.

4. GROUPS OF SENIOR CUBAN OFFICIALS WERE INVITED ABOARD  
 THE CRUISER. ONE SUCH GROUP WAS HEADED BY VILMA ESPIN,  
 ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBUREAU, PRESIDENT OF THE  
 FEDERATION OF CUBAN WOMEN (AND WIFE OF RAUL CASTRO.)  
 THEY WERE ENTERTAINED BY SOVIET SAILORS WHO PERFORMED  
 TRADITIONAL DANCES ON THE LANDING DECK OF THE VESSEL.

5. A PRESS CONFERENCE WAS HELD BY STAROZHILOV ABOARD  
 THE "LENINGRAD" ON MARCH 28. HE REFERRED TO THE  
 FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN CUBAN AND SOVIET PEOPLES; SOVIET  
 SUPPORT FOR THE CUBAN REVOLUTION; THE SOVIET STRUGGLE  
 FOR PEACE, ETC. PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WERE INVITED TO  
 TOUR THE SHIP. STAROZHILOV, ACCOMPANIED BY SANTAMARIA,  
 LATER VISITED THE WESTERN NAVAL DISTRICT OF THE MGR,  
 WHERE HE WAS WELCOMED BY REAL ADMIRAL PEDRO M. PEREZ  
 BETANCOURT, AND TOURED THE DISTRICT. THE SENIOR  
 SOVIET OFFICERS ALSO VISITED THE CAMILO CIENFUEGOS

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 NAVAL ACADEMY, AND OFFERED A FLORAL TRIBUTE AT THE  
 MAUSOLEUM TO THE SOVIET INTERNATIONALIST SOLDIER,  
 WHERE 60-000 YOUNG SOVIET MILITARY ARE BURIED, ALL OF  
 DEPT PASS TO ROY WHAR ON, INR/IC/CD; [REDACTED]  
 WHOM DIED IN CUBA BETWEEN 1964 AND 1966.

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6. MEMBERS OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS ACCREDITED TO CUBA  
 (THOUGH APPARENTLY EXCLUDING NATO COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES)  
 VISITED THE SOVIET NAVAL DETACHMENT ON MARCH 29. THEY  
 WERE WELCOMED BY VICE ADMIRAL STAROZHILOV, AND TOURED  
 THE "LENINGRAD". KAT SHEV AND MIJAILOV WERE ALSO  
 PRESENT. THE SENIOR SOVIET NAVAL OFFICERS PRESENTED  
 A FLORAL TRIBUTE AT THE RECENTLY-INAUGURATED LENIN  
 MONUMENT IN THE LENIN PARK ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF HAVANA.  
 THEY TOURED THE PARK AND VISITED THE PIONEER'S PALACE,  
 WHERE REAR ADMIRAL SE GUEI RIBAK TALKED WITH SOME OF  
 THE CHILDREN WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNIST YOUTH  
 ORGANIZATION. SOVIET OFFICERS ALSO VISITED THE  
 "CAMILO CIENFLEGOS" S GAR REFINERY (FORMERLY OWNED BY  
 HERSHEY CHOCOLATE) EAST OF HAVANA, THE "VALLES DE  
 PICADURA" CATTLE BREEDING FARM, THE "14 DE JUNIO"  
 PRIMARY SCHOOL AND THE "VICOTRIA DE VIET NAM" FARMERS'S  
 COMMUNITY. THEY WERE ACCOMPANIED BY CUBAN NAVY  
 CAPTAIN MIGUEL VALLE.

7. A RECEPTION WAS HOSTED BY STAROZHILOV ABOARD THE  
 "LENINGRAD" ON MARCH 30. SANTAMARIA, KATUSHEV, KONCHIZT,  
 MIJAILOV, AND OTHER OFFICIALS ALSO PARTICIPATED.

8. NO OTHER ACTIVITIES WERE PUBLICLY REPORTED BY  
 "GRANMA", THE OFFICIAL DAILY OF THE PCC. THE DETACHMENT  
 DEPARTED THE PORT OF HAVANA ON APRIL 5, ACCOMPANIED BY  
 CUBA'S NEW KONI-CLASS FRIGATE. THE HELICOPTER VESSEL  
 APPEARED TO COMMENCE EXERCISES AS SOON AS IT ENTERED THE  
 HIGH SEAS.

9. COMMENT: FREQUENT VISITS BY SOVIET CITIZENS TO THE  
 SHIPS DURING THE DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE WERE NOTED WITH  
 ENVY BY ORDINARY CUBANS, WHO WERE ANXIOUS TO VISIT THE  
 SHIPS BUT WERE NOT ALLOWED TO DO SO.  
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